

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A system has at least two data-receiving applications running on one or more data-receiving devices. Each data-receiving application is capable of requesting and receiving data. A data-processing apparatus and a data-storage apparatus are also provided, the data-storage apparatus being connected to the data-receiving applications via the data-processing apparatus.

10 The data-processing apparatus is arranged to receive a plurality of data-requests which form a request group from the data-receiving applications. The data-processing apparatus is arranged to evaluate the data-requests and to send a single request for the data-requests within the request group to the data-storage apparatus, and further arranged to receive

15 data from the storage apparatus, in response to the single request. The data-processing apparatus is arranged to process and distribute the received data, or portions thereof, to at least one of the data-receiving applications.